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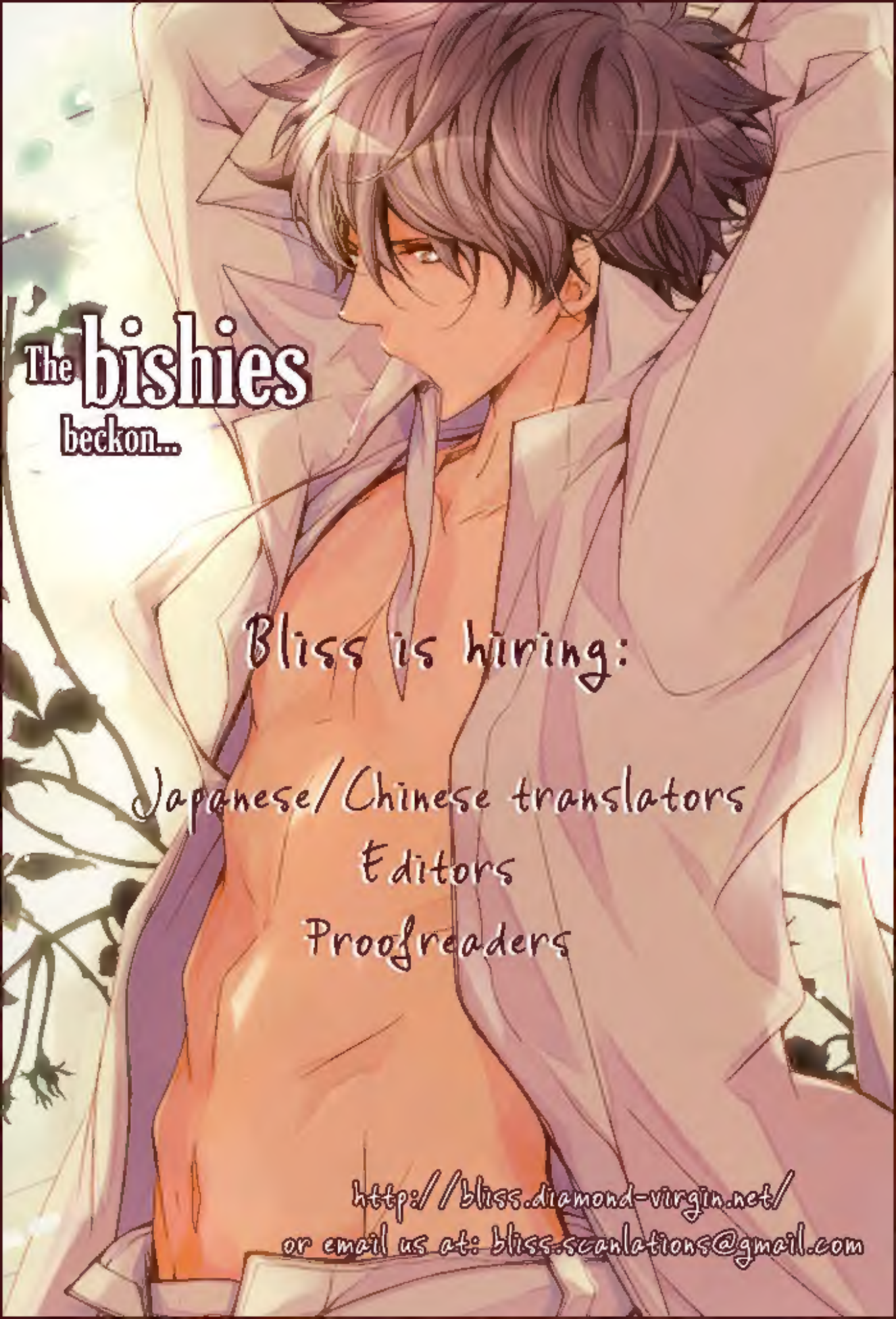

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MIYUKI ABE * ASUKA COMICS CL-DX

Treasure DVD
about Haru
(kept in perma-
nent collection).

Haru's Secret Memories
"The First Summer"
Super exciting * DVD
Warning: Other than the person concerned, yaoi fangirls!

WHY? IT LOOKS REALLY CUTE ON YOU!

Froggy! ♥

LET ME GO!

I DON'T WANT TO WEAR THIS!

ink

You were violent, but you were just like a baby squirrel. ♡

Look how small and cute you were back then! ♡

Even now, you're SMALL enough!

IT'S OKAY!

YOU'RE STILL CUTE TO THIS DAY!

WHAT!? WHY!?

IF YOU LIKE THE SMALLER VERSION OF ME, YOU CAN SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WATCHING THAT.

SORRY, I GREW UP.

AH.

Beat up to a pulp.

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OW...

It's been five days since I arrived.

So far, I've lost every battle.

SHIT...

EXHAUSTED

I'm getting discouraged.

THAT LITTLE PUPPY...

超ゴーカ新連載★見逃せないドラマチック・ラヴァーズ登場!!
Don't you
Wanna try being a family with me?
think it'll be exciting?
SUPER
スーパーラヴァーズ
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LOVERS
あべ美幸
MIYUKI ABE
新連載記念!!携帯待受画像:1ヶ月限定全員プレゼント!!
あべ美幸先生初の携帯待受画像をGET!
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Alberta, Canada

Hey Haru,

close the window.

HUH? WHY?

IT FEELS GREAT...

Nine years, Rob! I'm already a sophomore!

Anyway, how's your wife?

Fumie's great! She was depressed after you went to Japan. And Haruko, well, you know how she is.

...And how is mother?

Ack! Sand! Pfft!

Stss whoosh

...Geez, still the same after ten years.

My wife is enthusiastically helping Haruko out today as well.

She got a new puppy recently. He's a real handful.

A puppy?

Seems like the private life of a popular novelist is quite problematic.

We check in on her once every three days.

Civilize him as much as you can.

Anyway, good luck.

Huh?

Do your best, 'big brother'!

Some-thing bad is gonna happen

I lived with my eccentric mother deep in the Canadian mountains until I was eight

To be honest I don't want to remember those days with her

What!?

Feels like

HUH?

REN, STOP!

REN!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING LOOKING LIKE THAT!?

REN!?

HEY, AT LEAST PUT ON YOUR SHOES, REN..

OH MY! YOU'RE

JUMP

A kid?

……?

DA SH

WAIT, WHAT!?

YOU WON'T GET DINNER IF YOU LET HIM ESCAPE!

HARU!

CATCH THAT BRAT!

stare

. . . UM, BUT WHOSE?

HARUKO! HARUKO!

HARU'S HERE! HE'S ALL GROWN UP!

GR-!

AB

FOOD IS SERIOUS BUSI-NESS.

LET GO!

UM, BUT. YOU'RE BARE-FOOT ..

Hm? Japanese?

ARE YOU ROB'S GRAND-SON?

I'M HARU KAIDOU.

NICE TO MEET ..

SFX: CHOMP

.....

Twelve hours on a plane from Narita. Three and a half hours in a car from Calgary International Airport

I traveled this far because just before summer vacation began I got an urgent message which said "Mother's on the verge of death"

I didn't take it seriously but. "On the verge of death"?

This woman... Who, even if you killed her, wouldn't stay dead!

Hold on, is this really the person who gave birth to me?

WHO TOLD YOU TO CALL ME "MOTHER"!?

CALL ME "HARUKO-SAN", YOU BASTARD!

WHAT REASON COULD YOU HAVE FOR WANTING ME HERE? YOU WENT SO FAR AS TO LIE ABOUT BEING "ON THE VERGE OF DEATH"!?

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE YOU EVEN CALLED!

BY THE WAY, I'VE GOT TWO LITTLE BROTHERS NOW.

WELL!

WE ALL GET ALONG VERY WELL AT HOME.

IS THAT GOING WELL?

COME TO THINK OF IT, TAKASHI-SAN GOT REMARRIED, RIGHT?

Haru's father

Oh? You have little brothers, Haru?

BE HAPPY, HARU!

Then getting one more won't hurt.

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?

MOTHER!?

"MOTHER"?

HE'S NOT HERE

RUSTLE RUSTLE

WHERE THE HELL IS HE? DAMN KID

You have a new little brother!

His name is Ren and he's 4 years old

I'm counting on you ♡

What?

Not this thing

IT'S AL-
READY
SIX

TCH.
ONLY ONE
THING
LEFT I
CAN TRY.

sfx: rustle

sfx: rustle

sfx: rustle

sfx: rustle

sfx: rustle

sfx

swoosh

HUH?

gyaaa!

SFX: SQUISH

SERIOUSLY, YOU GUYS ARE HEAVY!

50kg×2

QUARK! LEPTON!

STOP IT!

WE'RE HAVIN

...HOW COME.

HOW COME THOSE TWO ARE ATTACHED TO YOU?

HUH?

WELL...

IT TOOK

A MONTH JUST TO GET CLOSE TO THEM.

THOSE THREE ARE NEW FACES,

BUT QUARK AND LEPTON WERE BORN WHEN I WAS STILL HERE

DO YOU GET IT?

WE GREW UP TOGETHER, LIKE BROTHERS WOULD'VE

THEY'RE SPECIAL,

WELL, WHATEVER.

'CAUSE THEY'RE MY BROTHERS!

BROTHERS?

Pfft!

WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?

I SEE.

...YEAH.

.....

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?

TIME TO GO.

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR DINNER, AND I GOTTA GO PREPARE IT, OR ELSE.

GOOD!

WELL,

...WHA-!

LET GO OF ME!

NOOOO WAY.

I EVEN NAGGED YOU TO WEAR SHOES, REN.

LOOK, YOUR FEET ARE ALL SCRATCHED.

WHAT-EVER!

IT'S NOT GOOD, YOU KNOW. YOU'RE COVERED IN MUD, TOO.

FIRST THINGS FIRST, WHEN WE GET BACK YOU'RE TAKING A BATH, SINCE YOU ESCAPED THIS AFTER-NOON.

PUT ME DOWN!

SURE, WHEN WE GET BACK TO THE HOUSE.

put me

ガツ
ガツ
sex gobble

DON'T NEED IT
WELL WHATEVER, I'LL MAKE YOU A PACKED LUNCH FROM TOMORROW
IF YOU DON'T EAT IT USE IT TO FEED THE DOGS
IF YOU'RE THAT HUNGRY NOW YOU SHOULD EAT FIRST AND THEN GO OUT NEXT TIME
YOU'LL BE A SHORTY FOREVER IF YOU KEEP HAVING ONE MEAL A DAY
THAT'S WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO BE UPSET ABOUT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL DAY WITH THE DOGS NOT HAVING BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

!!

HEY, REN. SAY, "AHHHHH".

HM... THIS TASTES ABOUT RIGHT?

Damn + I instinctively opened my mouth.

...IT'S SWEET

ROB GAVE ME LOTS OF BLUEBERRIES,

SO I MADE SOME JAM. ♡

THAT'S FINE.

YES, SIR!

OR WOULD YOU PREFER SOMETHING ELSE?

I'LL MAKE YOU SOME PANCAKES TOMORROW,

USING THIS JAM AND SOME MAPLE SYRUP

...What a strange guy.

*Onīsama formal way to say older brother Haruko is using it in a sarcastic way.

AS EXPECTED OF ONIISAMA*.

IT'S ONLY BEEN FIVE DAYS, YET YOU'VE MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS.

WHEN HE FIRST CAME THREE MONTHS AGO, HIS HAIR WAS REALLY LONG.

I CUT HIS HAIR WITH A RAZOR IN THE BATHROOM AND HE HASN'T COME NEAR IT EVER SINCE.

YOU KNOW.

So his bath phobia is your fault!

. HEY, HARUKO-SAN.

WHAT?

WHY DID YOU ADOPT HIM NOW?

HE'S STILL SLEEPING WITH THE DOGS IN THE GARAGE INSTEAD OF IN HIS ROOM, SO WHAT'S THIS PROGRESS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

Thanks to you I'm all scratched up

Look at these

WHAT? WHAT PROGRESS!?

BECAUSE I FINALLY GOT HIM IN THE BATH ON THE FIFTH DAY?

HE RESPONDS TO HIS NAME.

HE EATS AT THE TABLE.

MOREOVER, GETTING HIM IN THE BATH IS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

IT JUST HAPPENED

I DIDN'T REALLY PLAN ON RAISING HIM OR ANYTHING.

THEY SAID WE'D GET ALONG WELL BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH JAPANESE OR SOMETHING, AND THEN THEY PUSHED HIM ONTO ME

SEEMS LIKE HE HADN'T SPOKEN MUCH SINCE HE WAS TAKEN IN. AND THEY COULDN'T HANDLE HIM.

AND THE DOGS LOVED THAT BRAT.

I PASSED AN ORPHANAGE WITH THE DOGS ONE DAY

... WHAT!?

HE WAS FOUND LYING ON THE ROAD WHEN HE WAS SIX.

"HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING".

JAPANESE HE SPEAKS FLUENTLY, BUT IS HE ACTUALLY JAPANESE?

DUNNO.

NAME AND AGE,

APPAR-ENTLY.

MY NATION-ALITY ISN'T JAPANESE, EITHER.

It's just my mom who is Japanese

I was born and raised in the States!

THAT'S ALL THEY KNEW.

Bolero de

WHAT?

.....

DON'T THEY ROLL AROUND IN THEIR SLEEP?

It's not that he "won't" sleep in the house.

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD SOONER OR LATER.

HERE.

I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D BE COLD AT NIGHT WITH ONLY A THIN BLANKET

NOTHING

I'M FINE. THE DOGS ARE HERE.

Maybe...

He "can't"...?

"...Haru"

YOUR

NEW
FAMILY

THIS

IS YOUR
NEW
HOME

?

AW

He's deff-nitely

.....

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING

WELL, GOOD NIGHT

WELL, FOR NOW,

BE WARM AND SLEEP OKAY?

a scary human being

Don't get close to him

grow!

HEY, WHERE'S REN?

HOW'S IT GOING, HARU?

I'D BE HAPPY IF HE WAS A LITTLE MORE ATTACHED TO US. .

Is Ren still with the dogs?

Seems like it

WELCOME, YOU TWO.

..OH.

LOOK.

HE'S BACK.

scratches

YEAH, ABOUT THAT..

I GOT THIS YESTERDAY PUTTING HIM IN THE BATH.

SO HE HAS TO COME BACK EARLIER.

I TOLD REN THAT WE'RE HAVING A BBQ WITH EVERYONE FOR DINNER.

THE SUN SETS LATE THIS SEASON.

OKAY

WHY DON'T YOU GO FETCH HIM?

Oh. Well, that's because Haruko

Oh, I know why he has Bath Phobia.

I can hear you.

Come to think of it, you've had it rough ever since you were a kid.

Not up close! Don't touch me, pervert!

You're a runner, put your shoes on!

I was even called a pervert!

EVERY DAY IS A BATTLE!

fought with patience of Job!

WOW! YOU'RE GREAT, HARU

...

YOU GOT HIM TO PUT ON SHOES!

WELL

!

WELCOME BACK, REN.

DID YOU PLAY AT THE RIVER AGAIN TODAY?

IT'S TIME TO EAT SO GO WASH YOUR HANDS AND COME OUT.

tap tap

DIDN'T YOU EAT LUNCH?

It's heavy

OH, THE LUNCH BOX?

HUH?

NUDGE NUDGE

HM?

I WASN'T EXPECTING IT TO GO WELL

WELL,

HE'S COVERED IN MUD AGAIN

Oh, sorry

I'll do it.

I'm going to grill the meat!

HARU, IS SOMETHING WRONG?

chuckle

Somehow I feel a bit happy.

'Cause of that

Is this what people call "being on cloud nine"?

Give me some!

No way

"Do you actually love me?"

"Hey Haru..."

ON TOP OF THAT, YOU CANCEL ALL THE PLANS WE HAD FOR THE SUMMER VACATION!? ISN'T THAT CRUEL!?

YOU GO HOME WHEN YOUR BROTHERS CALL YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE ON A DATE WITH ME!

YOU WORK ON WEEKDAYS, SO WE CAN'T MEET UP OFTEN AND,

um...

BUT, AKI AND SHIMA...

SHE'LL BE OVER-JOYED.

IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GO HOME AND SEE HARUKO-CHAN.

Chuckle

OH, HARU-CHAN.

YOU'RE NOT THEIR "MOTHER", YOU KNOW?

I've had enough!

I'm not dating Haru anymore!

HARU-CHAN.

WHAT?

THAT'S SUDDEN.

since he's been in a bad mood lately

I'll comfort him

Looks like that girl he's always liked is in love with you Onisan

You didn't realize?

Ah?

It's fine Onisan

Oh come on! You're so annoying!

SFX: RUSTLE

We're already in junior high you know!

We've passed the age when it's acceptable to go everywhere with your Family!

THERE'S NOWHERE NEAR HERE, IS THERE?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT REN AND SCHOOL?

HM ?

THESE DAYS, IT'S ENOUGH TO STUDY AT HOME WITH A PC AND AN INTERNET CONNECTION.

HIS STUDIES MIGHT BE ALRIGHT BUT

That means no one is "special" to you, right?

YOU WANT TO HAVE FRIENDS, RIGHT, REN?

DON'T NEED ANY

AH RE-ALLY

WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE GET TO IT

BUT HIGH SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY

MARUKO-SAN

YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOU'RE FATHER WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS LIKE THIS, REALLY

clatter clatter

I'LL BRING YOU LUNCH.

..LET'S EAT TOGETHER!

..GOT IT

I'M GOING OUT.

TO THE RIVER, LIKE ALWAYS?

THERE WOULD BE SMALL PROBLEMS THROWING THAT CHILD INTO CIVILIZED LIFE RIGHT NOW, DON'T YOU THINK?

YEAH, AN INSANE AMOUNT!

THERE'RE MARKS THAT LOOK LIKE CIGARETTE BURNS, RIGHT?

WHAT A DESPICABLE ACT, TO PUT WOUNDS ON A PLACE THAT CAN'T EASILY BE SEEN!

.. I SAW, IN THE BATH.

WAS THAT WHILE HE WAS AT THE ORPHANAGE?

I DIDN'T REALIZE AT FIRST, BUT, THE SOLES OF HIS FEET ..

JUDY IS A PUNK

.....

NO ONE IS ASKING AFTER HIM AND HIS NAME IS NOT ON MISSING PERSONS.

I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING ABOUT HIS BIRTH NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY

ANYWAY, HE'S A KID WITH A PAST.

DOESN'T MATTER NOW IF IT WAS THE STAFF OR THE OTHER CHILDREN. WHAT'S DONE IS DONE

WHO KNOWS?

HE REALLY MIGHT HAVE LOST HIS MEMORY, OR HE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO TALK

REN HASN'T SAID ANYTHING.

SO IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT THAT'S FINE.

...HE SAID HE CAN'T REMEMBER, RIGHT?

HE SPEAKS JAPANESE SO I ASKED THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IF THERE WERE ANY CORRESPONDING CHILDREN WHO FIT HIS DESCRIPTION. BUT THE ANSWER WAS NO.

I CONTACTED THE U S EMBASSY AS WELL, BUT THAT WAS ALSO A BUST

UGH! COLD!

REN,

YOU'RE REALLY OKAY WITH PLAYING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS EVERY DAY?

.....

LOVE!!

WELL WHAT-EVER.

I'M STARVING SO LET'S HAVE LUNCH. ♡

?

YUP.

As expected of a kid's body tempera-ture

I MADE RICE BALLS TODAY. ♡

I'M SO GLAD I BROUGHT RICE FROM JAPAN WITH ME!

REN, DO YOU LIKE RICE?

. I EAT EVERY-THING

OH, YOU'RE A GOOD BOY.

MY BROTHER, THOUGH. AH!?

SFX: DRENCHED

……

SORRY, REN. REALLY.

……

got involved

?

I'M OKAY.

wow I'm all wet

WELL, WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO BACK.

YOU CAN-

REN?

!

.YOUR EYES ARE...

MY EYES?

They're sparkling...

WHAT HAPPENED?

REN?

.....

A WEIRD COLOR.

SFX: SNAP

I'M GOING BACK TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES!

I'LL LEAVE YOUR LUNCH SO EAT BY YOURSELF!

pissed

I CAN'T HELP IT. THEY'RE PASSED DOWN FROM MY GRANDFATHER!

GEEZ, I'M SO SORRY THEY'RE WEIRD!

...YEAH, HARUKO-SAN IS FINE! SHE IS TOTALLY HEALTHY

BUT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AREN'T OVER YET.

...WELL YEAH,

chuckle

ARE YOU CRYING?

WHAT IS IT NOW? I THOUGHT YOU WERE CALLING ME OUT OF THE BLUE.

SHIMA'S THERE EVEN IF I'M NOT.

AKI, DON'T YOU HAVE PLANS WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

I GOT IT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

I'M COMING BACK TO JAPAN SOON.

I made him angry?

clench

.....

Fumbl

E-
E-E-
It's Ener
an gency!
ener-
gency!

Mo-
ther!

sfx: Bam Bam

It's
Haruko-
san damn
it.

Mo-

sfx: Wham

sfx: Pound

HE HASN'T COME BACK YET?

M-MORE IMPOR-TANT-LY!

REN...

Pros-trate

You've got guts, disturbing me in my room before my deadline

PLEASE FORGIVE MY INSOLENCE.

ONLY THE DOGS CAME BACK!

I THOUGHT SO TOO, BUT AFTER I WAITED FOR HIM,

WEll...

HE KNOWS THIS FOREST BETTER THAN I DO.

HE MUST BE TAKING SHELTER SOMEWHERE WITH THE DOGS, SINCE IT'S RAINING SO HARD

IS HE STILL AT THE RIVER?

NO. IN THE AFTERNOON HE USUALLY GOES AND PLAYS SOMEWHERE ELSE

SHIT!

Stop talking.

Just find him quickly!

TELL ME THAT FIRST!

ARE YOU STUPID, IDIOT!

Ren!

There!

!!

COME BACK, IT'S DANGEROUS!

IDIOT! THE WATER LEVEL RISES WHEN IT RAINS!

...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ..?

I DROPPED IT IN THE RIVER SO...

THE BAG,

What!?

shake

DON'T CAUSE ME SO MUCH TROUBLE, DAMN BRAT!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO ME!?

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH

I'LL GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT ONE TOMORROW

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT,

THE BAG?

THE LUNCH BOX?

... But!

...I can't!

COME ON, WE'RE GOING!

ESPE-CIALLY BECAUSE

I DIDN'T EVEN TAKE A BITE.

BUT ..

The rice is what's important!?

Rice!?

...RICE.

...Come to think of it

he said he eats everything, but I didn't ask him what he likes to eat.

PFFT!

Now, now,

REN.

LET'S GO HOME, OKAY?

'CAUSE HARUKO-SAN IS TERRIFYING!

THEN TONIGHT'S DINNER WILL BE OMU-RICE*!

HARU.

HUH?

I HOPE SHE'LL BE KIND TO ME, TOO

AH YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT

NOT SCARY SHE'S KIND.

HARU-KO IS.

SHE TOOK ME IN.

.....

OH! IT STOPPED RAINING!

ARE YOU GOING BACK TO JAPAN?

HUH?

WHAT!?

I HEARD YOU TALKING ON THE PHONE

YOU WERE THERE?

I'M NOT YOU KNOW

I STILL HAVE HALF OF SUMMER VACATION LEFT

AND I HAVEN'T GONE FISHING WITH YOU, OR PLAYED WITH YOU WITH THE SPARKLERS.

I'm scared of kind people.

HEY,

THE BERRIES YOU GAVE ME WERE DELICIOUS! YOU SHOULD SHOW ME WHERE YOU GOT THEM!

THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF THINGS WE HAVEN'T DONE TOGETHER, RIGHT?

That's why

out of all the humans I've ever met

...So.

Haru is definitely.

Caught a cold

What the hell is this?

I can't deny those claims because she is absolutely right

Chair

?

pat

pat

AH... NO, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FOR NOW

MORE IMPORTANTLY ...

HARUKO'S THE BOSS.

HARUKO SAID SHE'S COUNTING ON ME.

REN...

I'LL BE FINE, SO YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY IF YOU WANT.

I'm scared to clarify.

WHAT KIND OF HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE DOES HE FOLLOW!?

Me?

OR DRINK?

DO YOU WANT TO EAT SOMETHING?

ONIISAN WILL BE HAPPY IF YOU COME SLEEP NEXT TO ME. ♡

What, seriously!?

I'M FEELING LONELY

I'M COMING.

GOT IT

.....

HM?

...HARU

YOUR EYES.

Hm. Should I make sushi rolls since you like rice?

YOU'RE SO NICE, REN.

sfx: hug

NO!

I CAN'T CHANGE THE COLOR THOUGH

OH. SORRY IS IT GROSSING YOU OUT?

I can't breathe

...THEY CHANGED.

THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY.

THEY CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT COLOR WHEN THE SUNLIGHT HITS THEM.

YOUR EYES LOOK LIKE A FLOWER IN BLOOM THEN.

I'LL MAKE YOU LUNCH AGAIN WHEN I GET BETTER.

I'll do my best!

SO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO EAT ALL RIGHT?

It was way different from how it is now. Under those circumstances, I was made aware of how people looked at me with disgust

My classmates sensed that about me, attuned to my vulnerability more than they were conscious of the color of my eyes.

THEY'RE NOT GROSS.

I understand that now.

MY CLASSMATES ALL SAID,

...WHEN I STARTED LIVING IN JAPAN,

Go back to your own country, foreigner!

Gross!

What is that!? Your eye color!

SORRY YOU HAD TO HEAR THAT.

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, BUT.

THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL.

.....

IT'S FINE. KISSING IS JUST A GREETING IN THIS COUNTRY, RIGHT?

What are you doing!?

You're the cutest! ♡

?

REN

YOU

We don't greet each other on the mouth!

REN, YOUR ANGRY FACE IS CUTE, TOO! ♡

What will you do if I catch your cold!?

!?

OH, RIGHT

By the way, that is what you're angry about

He eventually gave up

kiss

Mm

HOW ABOUT COMING TO JAPAN?

REN.

TO JAPAN .. ?

IT'S KIND OF DIFFICULT TO SPEND SUMMER IN TOKYO THOUGH.

SO LET'S LIVE TOGETHER THEN. ♡

YOU'RE MY BROTHER, SO NO PROBLEM, RIGHT?

IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE NOW BUT,

I PLAN ON MOVING OUT WHEN I FINISH HIGH SCHOOL.

Yay! ♡

...I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

it's a promise! ♡

That's enough Sleep already.

To think I was so arrogant

knock knock

HARU?

ARE YOU OKAY? HARUKO CALLED TO SAY YOU CAUGHT A COLD...

OH MY.

I found something precious

clatt

HOW I CAME HERE ALL THE WAY FROM JAPAN

THANK GOODNESS

I thought

HE'S A WONDERFUL BROTHER.

?

However...

MOM?

EVEN DAD

I'M SO HAPPY YOU ARRIVED SAFE AND SOUND

WE CAME TO PICK YOU UP! ♡

HARU-CHAN!

BOTH OF THEM HAD CLUB ACTIVITIES TODAY SO THEY LEFT HOME UNWILLINGLY

BY THE WAY, HARU-CHAN.

HE ORDERED US TO PICK YOU UP

AKI'S IN A TERRIBLE MOOD WHEN YOU'RE NOT AROUND

HOW WAS HE?

REN-KUN

That's him.

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

..HUH?

IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE AN EXTRA FAMILY MEMBER.

YES, DEAR BUT LET'S SAVE THAT FOR THE CAR

HEE HEE! ♡

..HUH?

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT REN, MOM!?

THERE ARE NO SECRETS BETWEEN ME AND HARUKO-CHAN!

WE CALL EACH OTHER OFTEN! ♡

WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?

WHAT?

DAD?

SOME THING FEELS STICKY

MOM?

WHAT IS THIS?

BLIXO?

.....?

I CAN'T OPEN MY EYES PROPERLY

A trailer overturned and collided with a car,

killing three people in a tragic accident late this afternoon.

The Kaidou family are believed to have been in the car

and a man and a woman have been confirmed dead

I thought we were just your average family.

Affectionate parents, cheeky younger brothers. twins.

A boy was rescued from the backseat of the car, believed to be the eldest son.

He is unconscious and in critical condition.

Accidents involving trailers have increased over the last few years.

Until that day in summer

five years ago.

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ALRIGHT, FINE.

THEN I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT

HURRAY!

ANYWAY GIRLS YOU'D BETTER GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP.

AREN'T YOU WORKING TODAY?

JEEZ.

I NEVER KNOW IF YOU'RE BEING SWEET OR BEING COLD, NATSU!

BUT DON'T OVERDO IT, OKAY?

THE SHOP WOULD LOVE THAT.

A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE WOULD BE PLENTY

YEAH! IT'S CHRISTMAS AFTER ALL!

NO WAY! I DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO THE OTHER GIRLS!

HEY NATSU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS?

SOMETHING EXTRAVAGANT, RIGHT?

SHOULD I GET A GOLD TOWER* THAT DAY!?

NATSU'S BRAGGING ABOUT HIS BROTHERS AGAIN!

THEY'RE TWINS, RIGHT? ♡

SHOW ME THEIR PICTURE NEXT TIME.

No way.

It'd be a waste

Kya ha ha

WHAT WAS THAT? BROTHER COMPLEX!

YOU KNOW I MAKE A POINT NOT TO BE NICE TO ANYONE,

smile

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

EXCEPT TO MY YOUNGER BROTHERS. ♡

See you!

NATSU-SAN.

*Hosts use stage names at work.

WANT TO GET BREAK-FAST WITH ME?

IT'S ALREADY THE AFTER-NOON THOUGH.

SURE, BUT I WON'T TREAT YOU.

EH!? STINGY!

THAT'S NOT FAIR, YOU EARN WAY MORE THAN I DO!

I HAVE TO EARN ENOUGH FOR MY BROTHERS' TUITIONS.

AND THEY HAVE UNIVERSITY EXAMINA-TIONS NEXT YEAR...

EVEN THOUGH I BECAME A HOST BECAUSE I LOOKED UP TO YOU.

... WHAT A WASTE.

THAT LAST POINT IS IRRELEVANT, IKUYOSHI.

NATSU-SAN TALKS LIKE A HOUSEWIFE, HAS A BROTHER COMPLEX, AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE COLD TO ME!

STOP CALLING ME BY MY REAL NAME*!

..COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING HERE?

AH... FOUR YEARS?

TIME REALLY FLIES.

YOUR BROTHERS ARE ALREADY GEARING UP FOR EXAMS..

... HEY.

DON'T YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THEIR TUITION BY NOW ..?

A high school dropout.

Entrance fees, school fees, textbooks. Twins are double that amount!

Do you know how much it costs to be a university student these days...?

I'm very sorry. I apologize with my all heart. Please forget what I said!

SORRY IKU.

SOMETHING'S COME UP

LET'S EAT NEXT TIME

OH?

HUH?

WAIT

A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN TOPS EATING WITH YOU.

YOU ARE TRULY THE FREAKING BOTTOM OF A HOST!

IS IT A WOMAN ...!?

ARE YOU CHOOSING SOME WOMAN OVER ME!?

HMPH

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO MOMO'S ORIGINAL TIME

IF I DON'T TAKE CARE OF MY LIVER NOW I'LL BE SCREWED

AND ANYWAY OUR BODIES HAVE TO ENDURE A LOT OF ABUSE ON THE SECOND SHIFT

NOPE

NOPE

. . . . . .

ARE YOU SERIOUS? YOU SOUND JUST LIKE AN OLD MAN.

I'M SO DISAP-POINTED!

During the summer holidays that year

Apparently I had been in Canada with my mother

It was an accident

The summer turned seventeen everything changed

opened my eyes to find myself in a hospital bed

My parents came to pick me up from the airport The accident happened on the way home

horrific tragic

That's the only thing that came out of anyone's mouth

They told me had been in a coma for a month

There's not one single thing I can remember about that summer

Come to my office
ASAP
Kash was on it.

Too slow!

EXCUSE ME MADAM?

OH, RIGHT.

...UM NIKIKO-SAN.

COME HERE.

SOMETHING CAME FROM HARUKO.

I CAME HERE STRAIGHT FROM WORK SO...

YOU'LL DAMAGE THE BUSINESS IF YOU THROW THE STATUTES BOOK LIKE THAT

Guessing face's important

OH, BECAUSE HE'S A HOST?

NGH ...

ACTUALLY, I WAS REFERRING TO THE BOOK.

THAT'S RIGHT IT LOOKED RATHER IMPORTANT SO,

HERE.

GEEZ, FROM MY MOM?

Come to think of it, you guys are friends

"初めての夏" どきどき興キュン DVD

Haruko said this was something important you left behind.

HOW YOUTHFUL ♡

..HUH?

WHAT'S WITH THE PORNO SOUNDING DVD TITLE!?

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER SUMMER VACATION STARTED.

YOU STILL DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM FIVE YEARS AGO, AT HARUKO'S?

EVEN THOUGH THE DOCTOR SAID I WOULD, AFTER THE SHOCK FROM THE ACCIDENT WORE OFF

WHY DO YOU ASK?

IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN,

THE BOY YOU MADE A "PROMISE" WITH WILL BE MOST UNFORTUNATE.

THE BOY ..?

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF HE HAS FORGOTTEN.

A PROMISE IS A PROMISE

I WILL LIVE WITH HARU IN JAPAN.

...Huh!?

Excuse me... Who are you!?

HONESTLY, HOW CRUEL YOU ARE.

TRICKING THIS CHILD AND THEN FORGETTING ALL ABOUT HIM.

Trick ...!?

HIS NAME IS REN.

HE ARRIVED AT NARITA THIS MORNING.

CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HARUKO WAS LOOKING AFTER HIM BUT,

THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE KAIDOUS DIED,

THEY LEGALLY ADOPTED HIM.

They adopted him!?

WHICH MEANS..

Here's a copy of the family register

KAIDOU HARU.

AS THE ELDEST SON, IT IS YOUR DUTY TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY.

I've never even heard about this!

He is indisputably your brother.

Wait a...

NOT ONLY WILL HE BE STARTING HIGH SCHOOL SOON, BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN RELOCATING TO JAPAN? WILL HE REALLY BE ALRIGHT?

BUT REN-KUN'S JUST IN JUNIOR HIGH, ISN'T HE?

AND HARU-KUN'S JOB!

WHAT I THINK IS IRRELEVANT, IT'S REN'S CHOICE.

HARUKO ASKED ME TO RESPECT THAT.

MADAM, ARE YOU SURE?

BESIDES, REN SURVIVED LIVING WITH THAT ODDBALL HARUKO.

HE'LL PER-SEVERE.

HE SEEMS TO EARN A LOT ANYWAY.

HIS JOB AS A HOST DOESN'T MATTER.

Do you want to get fired?

NO SURPRISE YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS.

BOTH ECCENTRIC BUT TALENTED.

On an international scale

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT, ESPECIALLY AROUND YOU MADAM...

European Organization for Nuclear Research

SHE WENT TO SWITZER-LAND.

I GUESS SHE WENT BACK TO CERN.

SHE'S AN EXCELLENT PHYSICIST AFTER ALL.

.SO, HARUKO-SAN IS ALONE NOW?

sfx:clack
sfx:crack

YOU.
WHILE IT LOOKS SHABBY FROM THE OUTSIDE I SEE THE INSIDE DOESN'T DISAPPOINT
CRAMPED.
DINGY.
OLD.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GO HOME!
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF TOKYO'S HOUSING SITUATION!?

HERE.
COME ON IN.

Oh, take off your shoes

SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORY OF THAT.

I HEARD.

THE SHOCK FROM THE ACCIDENT MADE YOU FORGET ABOUT ME.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GOING BACK.

I WILL NOT

HOW ABOUT QUARK AND LEPTON?

No way you're Haruko-san offspring though, right?

BEING TOLD YOU'RE MY BROTHER ALL OF A SUDDEN...

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

EH? THE DOGS?

ARE THEY STILL ALIVE?

NO, THEY DIED

WE'RE GOING TO LIVE TOGETHER.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT.

AFTER MEETING YOU TODAY I'M CONVINCED, MORE THAN EVER, THAT THEY SAVED YOU.

THEY COULD HAVE BEEN NATURAL DEATHS BUT.

I HEARD YOU WOKE UP FROM YOUR COMA SOON AFTER.

ONE MONTH AFTER THE SUMMER YOU WENT BACK TO JAPAN.

...IS THIS STORY STILL GOING?

MARU!

LOOK, I JUST FINISHED WORKING.

AND I JUST WANNA TO TAKE A BATH AND GO TO BED YOU KNOW?

OH.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT

This brat ...!

You reek.

WELL, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

I'M GONNA TAKE A BATH.

.....

TURN

HARU.

WHERE ARE YOUR BROTHERS?

HM ..?

THEY'RE WITH THEIR MATERNAL GRAND-PARENTS.

WHY DON'T YOU LIVE TOGETHER?

I'M NOT RELATED TO THAT SIDE OF THE FAMILY.

THEY WERE ADAMANT ABOUT ONLY TAKING CARE OF THEIR BLOOD GRAND-CHILDREN.

WE..L, I DON'T BLAME THEM.

.....

FROM A CANADIAN ORPHANAGE. NO LESS ARE YOU ACTUALLY JAPANESE?

BUT WHAT POSSESSED MY MOTHER TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOU?

THAT I'M YOUR "BROTHER". NOTHING ELSE.

I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD TELL MY BROTHERS ABOUT YOU?

.. WELL, PUTTING THAT ASIDE.

I said that but.

sfx: rustttt

SHRIEK

THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK!

...NGH.

HE TRIED TO MASSAGE IT

UNTIL I FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS SITUATION, YOU CAN'T SAY ANYTHING!

...GOT IT?

BUT

IT'S SO WARM HERE.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S DECEMBER

THE SKY IS CONFINED

Actually I have zero confidence...

WOW ! AND NOW YOU'VE GOT ONE MORE BROTHER, RIGHT?

THAT'S SO WEIRD!

SO. ? HOW IS YOUR NEW BROTHER!?

...I SERIOUSLY DON'T GET WHAT YOU GUYS FIND SO FUNNY ABOUT THIS STORY?

GYAHAHA!

HE SAID HE WAS HUNGRY.

.WELL,

"There is no food in this house.

Our fridge is that way."

". Okay. Ren?

Like hell you can!

Can I use Canadian money?

Don't open it!

Push

Don't just put it back!

What the hell!? Why so much rice!?

Rice balls

Mountain.

You can use it 24 hours a day.

Seems pretty big.

Oh but you gotta pay alright?

It's your fridge but you gotta pay?

That's how the system works.

MAN, I HAVE AN ORDINARY FAMILY AND A HAPPY UP-BRINGING.

TCH. MILKING SYMPATHY JUST 'CAUSE SOME BAD THINGS HAPPENED IN HIS LIFE.

NO WAY!

YOUR BROTHER IS SUPER CUTE! ♡

NATSU, YOU DON'T LOOK IT BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A MATURE GUY

BOM!!

AND THIS MORNING HE BLEW UP EGGS IN THE MICRO-WAVE.

The eggs blew up!!

easy clean up, you know

I can't breathe

NATSU-SAN.

YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY LOST ON LOOKS ALONE

DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE YOUR COMPANION!

EH!? ARE YOU GOING ALREADY?

. ALL RIGHT,

SEE YOU LATER THEN.

EXCUSE ME,

ASAKURA-SAMA HAS ARRIVED, TABLE FOUR.

. HEY, I SEE HER A LOT LATELY.

THAT'S HARSH!

Compan-sate us!

WHEN IT'S IKU-CHAN, IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE THE ONES PROVID-ING SERVICE.

ASAKURA-SAMA WORKS IN AN OFFICE, SO SHE USUALLY COMES ON THE WEEKEND.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT THOUGH, SHE HAS BEEN COMING A LOT ON WEEK DAYS.

OH DEAR.

SHE'S GOTTEN HERSELF ADDICTED.

EH?

THE WATCH.

YOU'RE NOT WEARING THE WATCH I GAVE YOU. .

OH,

SORRY. I WAS RUNNING LATE TODAY SO ..

I LEFT ALL MY ACCESSORIES AT HOME

WHILE I WAS WAITING, IKU-CHAN TOLD ME.

EH? HOW'D YOU KNOW?

YOUR NEW YOUNGER BROTHER?

Oh, would you like a drink

THERE'S SOME TROUBLE AT HOME...

Kya ha ha

I guess

BUT WITH THOSE GIRLS IT'S UNAVOID-ABLE.

... A LITTLE,

AH... SORRY, WAS IT TOO NOISY?

I COULD HEAR IT FROM HERE.

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING FUN.

I COULDN'T RATIONALIZE IT THE WAY YOU DO.

YOU'RE WONDERFUL, THINKING OF YOUR YOUNGER SISTER LIKE THAT

I GREW UP WITH A SINGLE MOTHER AND I HAVE A SISTER IN JUNIOR HIGH.

I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL, NATSU.

YOU'RE TAKING IN YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, AREN'T YOU?

BUT YOU ARE REMARK-ABLE, NATSU.

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHERE WE'D BE IF I DIDN'T WORK.

YOUR APARTMENT ISN'T FAR FROM MY HOUSE. THEY MIGHT BE IN THE SAME SCHOOL DISTRICT.

EH .?

MY SISTER IS IN JUNIOR HIGH AS WELL.

HOW ABOUT I ASK MY MOTHER?

HE MIGHT BE SMALL BUT, I THINK HE'S IN JUNIOR HIGH?

THE TROUBLE IS ALL THE PAPERWORK INVOLVED IN TRANSFERRING TO HIGH SCHOOL.

AH. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I SHOULD GET HIS UNIFORM AND STUFF.

How does she know where I live?

AH...

THANKS BUT IT'S FINE.

I'LL JUST ASK MY LAWYER ABOUT IT.

That's a lie though.

IF YOU FIND THE PAPER-WORK TEDIOUS I CAN ACT AS YOUR PROXY.

I'M CON-CERNED, SINCE YOU'RE ALL BY YOUR-SELF

AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BROTHER TOO.

UH NO, THAT'S OKAY.

OH, WELL...

I'm not good at handling this type of client.

IS THAT SO?

BUT LAWYERS ARE SO EXPEN-SIVE...

WON'T THAT BE A WASTE OF MONEY?

BUT HE ISN'T GOING TO SCHOOL UNTIL THIRD TERM, RIGHT? WHERE DOES HE GO?

HUH?

THE LIBRARY

I DON'T THINK ME AND HIM CAN BE FRIENDS..

URGH.

HOW ABOUT BREAK-FAST.. UH, GUESS NOT.

YOUR BROTHER IS HOME ALONE WAITING FOR YOU, RIGHT?

DUNNO. LATELY I'VE BEEN COMING HOME TO AN EMPTY HOUSE.

ピンポーン

Natsu-san!

THAT IS WAY TOO TOUGH FOR A RETURNEE!

AH! LIKE ENKA BAL-LADS*?

Japanese Classic?

Japanese Classics & Chinese Classics

I CAN'T EVEN UN-DERSTAND THEM.

HE CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF THEM AT ALL.

LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE DOES HE NEED BESIDES A UNIFORM TEXTBOOKS AND A SCHOOL BAG?

THAT'S IN A MONTH BUT THAT'S NOT MUCH TIME AT ALL

THIRD TERM

* A genre of Japanese pop song which is full of melancholy

Ren?

Huah!?

SFX: APPEAR

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

...NGH! DON'T STARTLE ME LIKE THAT!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GRIZZLY BEAR!

...REN.

REST ASSURED. THERE IS NO WAY YOU WILL BE ATTACKED BY BEARS IN TOKYO.

LIAR!

HARUKO SAID THERE ARE WILD GRIZZLIES HERE!

THAT OLD HAG.

THERE AREN'T ANY WILD BEARS HERE.

ANYWAY. WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT?

OH...

MANGA?

THEY WEREN'T IN THE LIBRARY.

I SEE. YOU'D PROBABLY LEARN ABOUT JAPANESE CULTURE REALLY QUICKLY IF YOU USED THEM AS A REFERENCE.

SHOULD WE BUY SOME?

IS THAT OKAY?

WELL, MANGA DOESN'T COST MUCH

.Oh

WHAT!?

Right? Left? Vertically?

HOW DO YOU READ THIS?

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME READING MANGA!?

Can't follow the frames

..HARU,

so he can look his age.

Should I go to get a movie?

THAT'S BECAUSE TOMORROW IS MY DAY OFF. ♡

I CAN FINALLY RELAX!

...COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE UP LATE.

BY THIS TIME YOU'RE USUALLY ASLEEP.

Sleep in the afternoon and wake up late at night.

REN.

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BATH NOW?

I'LL GET DINNER IN THE MEANTIME.

REN,

TAKE A BATH!

NO...

I'LL TAKE IT LATER.

REN... YOU.

sfx: yank

It's almost been a week since you came!

Don't screw around!

Take a bath!

I'M NOT DIRTY!

NO!

THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK A BATH...

When was it?

No way in hell!

Your bath is cramped, dark and creepy!

I LIKE THINGS CLEAN AND TIDY AND YOU WILL BE CLEAN AND TIDY!

YOU'RE SO RUDE! IT'S JUST OLD AND NARROW!

I'M PUTTING YOU IN THE BATH!

IF YOU'RE THAT SCARED JUST KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED!

Gyah ...!

Shut up and let me clean you!

.....

I'M EXHAUSTED

ding dong

HM?

LET'S GO GRAB SOME FOOD..

When was that?

But... What is this?

GROWL

...I'M STARV-ING...

It's like I've been done this before...

YEAH... ME TOO.

Aniki* ...?

OH CRAP!

it's me, Aki! Shima's here, too...!

sfx: bang

Tomorrow's your day off right? Buy us dinner?

*Japanese casual way of saying "my brother"

I JUST GOT OUT OF THE BATH!

W-WAIT A SEC!

ANIKI ...?

The hell is this!?

Wha-!?
OUYS CAN YOU KEEP IT DOWN
Attack
Attack

COMING!
bang bang bang

STOP THAT YOU'RE BOTHER-ING THE NEIGH-BORS
ATOM

Can't smell perfume!

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT'VE BROUGHT A GIRL BACK, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT.

WOW, YOU REALLY DID TAKE A BATH.

A-Aki!?

*Nii-san lit. means older male sibling or saying my brother

UGH NOT GOOD IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY LATE

SHIT

WHAT'S WITH THE RUMBLY STOMACHS?

This is what Matsutaka-kun eats every day

WE'LL MAKE DEN FOR ME

HOPE THIS PREMIUM SUSHI AND BEEF RIB BENTOU

without my help

食べ放題

¥3,15

BUT NII-SAN, YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED OUR CALLS LATELY WE GOT WORRIED

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PREPARING FOR EXAMS!

MEAT ANIKI, TAKE US TO EAT MEAT!

HUH!?

I'M TIRED OF EATING NAN AND POP'S* COOKING!

*Casual way to say grandma & Grandpa

How am I going to tell them about Ren anymore

I don't want to cause a fuss right now.

REN ?

DID HE GO TO BED?

.....?

Not until their exams are over

...REN?

AH

I'M HOME.

"Stay in here until I tell you it's okay to come out!"

AH

R-
Ren!?

IS IT
OKAY
NOW?

RE-

I ASKED YOU IF IT'S OKAY NOW.

.....?

THEN I'M GOING TO BED.

...OH, YES.

!?

Hey, Ren!

Sorry, Ren. I'm sorry

I'll never shut you away like that ag...

I almost feel like crying.

I'm out for now.

WHAT'S UP SHIMA?

IT'S NOT THAT.

STILL HUNGRY?

SOMEBODY'S SHOES WERE AT NICHAN'S APARTMENT

?

THEY WERE SNEAKERS, SO NOT A WOMAN PROBABLY A KID?

IT DIDN'T SMELL LIKE A WOMAN WAS THERE THOUGH?

HUH?

gasp

DOUBT IT HE'S ONLY 22

No way! Did that shit for brains have a kid when we weren't looking!?

They weren't those kinds of shoes

ANYWAY, HE USES PROTECTION.

PHEW! I ATE SO MUCH GOOD MEAT!

LET'S GO FOR SUSHI NEXT TIME! BUT NOT A SUSHI TRAIN!

AKI.

YEAH.

HE'S STILL MY BROTHER BUT ..

HE'S BEEN ACTING PRETTY SUSPICIOUSLY LATELY.

HE DOESN'T ANSWER MY CALLS AND HE WON'T REPLY TO E-MAILS!

I THOUGHT HE GOT A GIRLFRIEND BUT THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY.

HE WAS AT HOME TONIGHT AFTER ALL.

DID YOU KNOW HARUKO-SAN WENT TO SWITZERLAND?

ANIKI'S MOM?

SOMEONE SAW HER AT NARITA A LITTLE WHILE AGO. SHE WAS WITH WHAT LOOKED LIKE A KID IN JUNIOR HIGH.

...WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION?

I WAS CONCERNED.

AFTER I SAW THE FAMILY REGISTER.

Huh?

I WAS PUT INTO A CARE FACILITY.

WHEN I WAS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL,

. YOU KNOW, AFTER THE ACCIDENT,

HOW COME?

OH, UH...

I MIGHT HAVE

SLEPT WITH ONE OF THE NURSES?

.....

IT WAS A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE. THERE WERE SIX PEOPLE, FROM THREE YEARS OLD TO MY AGE.

IT WAS LIKE A GROUP HOME* CARE WORKERS TOOK SHIFTS TO LOOK AFTER US OVERNIGHT...

I WAS EVICTED AFTER THREE MONTHS THOUGH.

*A single family residence used as a living space for unrelated developmentally disabled or mentally disabled people.

THEY HELD MY PARENTS' FUNERAL WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE.

MY LITTLE BROTHER BLAMED ME.

BUT I COULDN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

NOT EVEN WHY OR HOW THEY DIED.

Even though I was there! I was by their side in their last moments!

...I felt so alone.

?

CAN I COME OVER THERE?

...REN,

I WANT TO SLEEP TOGETHER.

CRAMPED IS GOOD.

.. IT'S CRAMP-ED.

SNIFF

FOR SOME REASON, YOU SMELL NICE.

HARU, YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSON

WHO CALLED ME "FAMILY".

EVEN WHEN YOU WENT BACK TO JAPAN,

I DIDN'T GET LONELY

I COULD BELIEVE THAT WE WERE CONNECTED,

BECAUSE YOU GAVE ME A "PROMISE".

You have me.

EVERY DAY BEFORE I WENT TO SLEEP, I TRIED TO REMEMBER, BUT I COULDN'T.

I KEPT THINKING MAYBE I COULD HAVE SAVED THEM.

AND THEN I COULDN'T SLEEP.

I WAS LONELY, BUT WHEN I WAS AROUND PEOPLE I KNEW I FELT LIKE THEY WERE BLAMING ME.

I COULDN'T SEE MY BROTHERS.

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE.

SFX: Ah...

I'm not a child!

—Ah...

LIKE A CHILD...

Wielding the "promise" I had lost.

IT SMELT LIKE THE TIME WHEN I WAS A CHILD, LIKE A NOSTALGIC SMELL? YEAH! THAT'S WHAT I MEANT!

AH... NO, YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH!

MOVE!

SLEEP ALONE!

Crossing the ocean from a far away land, this child came

He doesn't mind how heartless I am.

WOAH! HEY! DON'T KICK ME OUT, ISN'T IT COLD!?

COME ON REN!

Hey now

Shut up!

SUPER LOVERS

Can I make a new "promise" with him?

REAL ONES?

JUST A LOCAL ONE, SO IT'S NOT VERY BIG,

WHAT WOULD FAKE ELEPHANTS EVEN ?

BUT THERE ARE ELEPHANTS?

THE ZOO?

THERE ARE LOTS OF ANIMALS IN THE ROCKIES BUT NOT ELEPHANTS!

WELL, YOU MIGHT FIND IT A BIT ANTI-CLIMATIC BUT,

WANNA GO?

YEAH!

HUH?

SO WHILE WE'VE BEEN IN THE DARK

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN GETTING ALONG VERY WELL.

SFX: STEP

DON'T LIE!

HOW MUCH UNDER-WEAR DO YOU HAVE!?

I HAVE ENOUGH.

?

IS THAT REN?

YOU'RE LUCKY I DO LAUNDRY EVERY DAY! WHERE'S MY THANKS?

AREN'T YOU COLD?

I'M FINE.

YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STUFF!

WE NEED TO GO SHOPPING ON THE WAY BACK

CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?

NOW,

TELL US THE TRUTH!

WELL... UH... I'M LOOKING AFTER HIM FOR SOMEONE I KNOW AND...!

Official Family Register

LIAR! WE'VE GOT PROOF!

Shit!

THIS IS KAIDOU REN, GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT!?

FINE OKAY! HE'S OUR BROTHER!

URGH, THIS IS TOO TROUBLE-SOME!

I'LL NEVER APPROVE OF THIS!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO FLIPPANT, YOU BASTARD!

RANDOMLY DECIDING TO TAKE IN THIS BRAT, I KNEW YOU WERE HIDING SOMETHING!

SHUT UP!

IT WAS MOM AND DAD'S DECISION SO JUST ACCEPT IT!

WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR NOT, HE'S ALREADY ON OUR FAMILY REGISTER, RIGHT!?

SO,

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I WILL NEVER ACCEPT HIM! NEVER!

WHAT!?

REN.

creek

HAH!?

DON'T THINK OF ME AS YOUR BROTHER.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU ACCEPT ME OR NOT.

I JUST CAME TO KEEP MY PROMISE WITH HARU.

Somehow they sound like a couple who decided to elope!

Aw, the heck? This kid is so cute

These two! Based on this conversation alone...

So embarassing!

...AROUND.

The brother-in-law who won't accept them

I JUST

STOP SCREWING AROUND!

That's our brother, you hear!

AH.. AKI?

REN..

HARU IS ALL THE FAMILY I NEED.

The fight between the Kaidou brothers for the eldest brother

Who's gonna give my brother to a kid like you!

seems like it's gradually becoming a muddy swamp.

wah!

wah

FOR SOME REASON I FEEL SO ASHAMED ..

nervous

MY BRO-THERS.

What!?

I DON'T CARE.

I'M GOING TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH HARU.

HEY... AKI!?

REN!?

SUPER LOVERS #2 END

SUPER LOVERS
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Nat

But

Seeing that guy again after five years.

Unexpectedly he did not change much.

?

PROBABLY.

HARL HAS ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU.

I knew that.

...Who?

never accept this!

sfx: slam

I will definitely

REN IS LEGITIMATELY THE 4TH KAIDOU SON ON THE FAMILY REGISTRY.

THAT MEANS HE'S OUR BROTHER. ACCEPT IT.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT IT,

Kaidou brothers. Oldest son. Haru (22)

Third son. Shima (18)

Second son. Aki (18)

A KID THEY'VE NEVER EVEN MET?

OUR PARENTS PUT REN INTO OUR FAMILY REGISTRY BEFORE THEY PASSED AWAY?

..HM, SO DOES THAT MEAN

WAIT, THAT'S A BIT MUCH, ISN'T IT?

HOW DO I ACCEPT SOMETHING THAT JUST CAME UP OUT OF NOWHERE TODAY!?

I'D BE QUICKER TO ACCEPT IT IF YOU TOLD ME YOU HAD A KID!

Ah!

...A YEAR BEFORE?

THAT'S WHEN WE WERE STILL IN 6TH GRADE.

I THINK IT WAS THE YEAR BEFORE I LIVED WITH HARUKO.

I'VE MET A JAPANESE COUPLE BEFORE

THEY CAME AND WENT FROM THE INSTITUTION FOR ABOUT A WEEK

I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH BUT

Fourth son. Ren (13)

I thought they'd be back in 2-3 days

AH, I REMEMBER. THEY DIDN'T COME BACK FOR TWO WEEKS.

I ACCIDENTALLY USED UP ALL OUR FOOD EXPENSES AND HAD TO WORK EXTRA JOBS.

Two kids with no food.

THEY SAID THEY NEVER HAD A HONEYMOON

THOSE TWO WENT ON VACATION RIGHT BEFORE THE FALL!

First gathering of the Kaidou brothers...

I GOT ASKED WHAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT, HER OR MY JOB!

I GOT DUMPED THANKS TO THAT!

MORONS!

EH? IS THAT TRUE, BROTHER?

AKI AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH A WOMAN.

I SAW IT! BROTHER AND THAT WOMAN WERE TOGETHER!

AND THEN BROTHER STARTED GOING OUT WITH OTHER WOMEN, RIGHT?

.....

REN?

The reason that I want to remem ber but can't right now is be cause that week

I was always running from those two people

Towards people who are kind to others without any reason.

I always hid behind Haruka's dogs.

I feel incredibly afraid

...REN?

Hoping that those two would leave soon.

WHAT?

WHAT'S WITH THE "WHAT"?

YOU GOT SILENT ALL OF A SUDDEN. IT MAKES PEOPLE WORRIED YOU KNOW?

ARE YOU SICK?

NO I'M FINE

AH, ARE YOU IN A BAD MOOD?

SORRY, THEY'RE SUCH BAD BROTHERS.

You over there! Stop being in your own world!

ANYWAY I DEFINITELY DON'T LIKE THAT KID.

WHAT RIGHT DOES HE HAVE, STICKING TO SOMEONE ELSE'S BROTHER LIKE THAT?

..ISN'T IT THE OPPOSITE?

However you look at it

Let me go!

Why?

AK! USED TO ALWAYS CLING TO ME LIKE THIS, TOO...

Don't bring up the past!

?

WHAT'S RINGING?

MY CELL.

CRAP, IT'S MY JOB.

HELLO?

EH? DOU-MOTO-SAN?

HOW UNEXPECTED TO HAVE MY BOSS CALLING ME DIRECTLY.

EH? TODAY?

...NO, IT'S FINE IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I DID ANY OVERTIME.

OKAY, I UNDER-STAND.

WHAT IS IT, BROTHER? WORK?

I THOUGHT YOU DON'T HAVE WORK IN THE MORNING ANYMORE?

IT'S JUST TODAY. A CUSTOMER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED ME.

SEEMS TO BE AN IMPORTANT GUEST OF THE BOSS.

SORRY, REN.

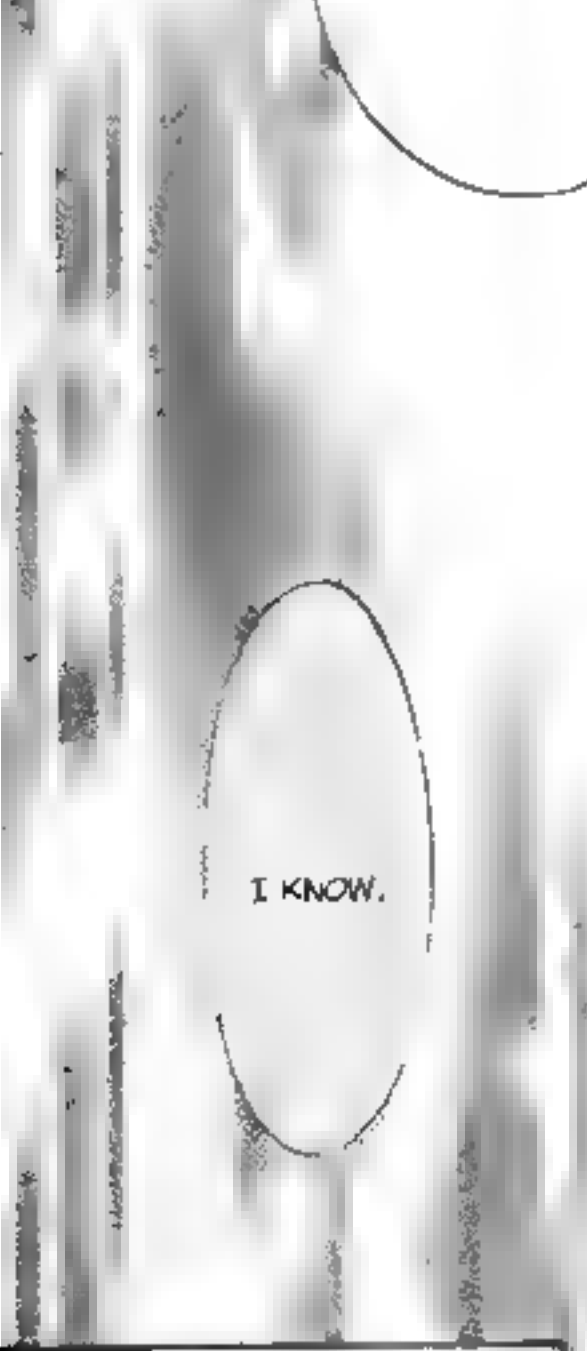
I'LL TAKE YOU OUT ON MY NEXT DAY OFF, OKAY?

pat pat

..IT'S FINE.

THE REASON BROTHER IS SO NICE TO YOU IS BECAUSE..

I KNOW.



...OUR BROTHER IS REALLY KIND,

ISN'T HE?

WE WERE A TWO-INCOME FAMILY

WHEN BROTHER FIRST CAME TO LIVE WITH US, HE WAS ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF US, TOO.

HE EVEN DID ALL THE CHORES.

THINKING ABOUT IT NOW, IT WAS BECAUSE BROTHER WANTED US TO QUICKLY GET ALONG BETTER THAT HE WORKED SO HARD

BECAUSE HE HIMSELF IS VERY LONELY

I KNOW THAT HARU IS NICE TO ME.

HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

THAT MAN.

BE-CAUSE

PFFT HAHA.

MY STOMACH HURTS!

SHIMA!

YOU!

What?

AL-RIGHT.

AKI, LET'S GO BACK.

...NEVER MIND.

WHAT'S WITH THOSE KIDS?

HARU

We'll call you later.

BROTHER, SORRY, WE'RE LEAVING.

Eh ...?

AND WE HAVE CRAM SCHOOL AFTER-WARDS.

WE DITCHED CLASSES TO BE HERE. OUR BAGS ARE STILL AT SCHOOL.

YOU'RE GOING OUT, TOO, RIGHT?

AH.

IS THE TIME OKAY?

BUT YOU'D NEVER WAKE ME UP

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT.

OH. WHAT? DOES REN WANT TO SEE ME OFF?

YOU HAVE TO EAT DINNER PROPERLY BY YOURSELF, OKAY?

OH YEAH!

...I WILL

EAT SOME-THING BESIDES RICE, TOO

How annoy-ing

.....

REN.

CAN I HAVE A "BE SAFE" KISS?

. .DO YOU NEED PERMISSION FOR THAT?

...

WOW... Ren is so manly!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...

REN, YOU'RE SO CUTE! ♡

hug

hug

I LOVE YOU! ♡

grin

I'm off!

Ah

This man

Is still,
infuriatingly,
the same.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS WEIRD.

IT'S NOT NORMAL!

WHO GIVES A MOUTH-TO-MOUTH KISS LIKE THAT?

He hasn't changed.

Even though he doesn't remember me at all.

MISAKO-SAN?

EH?

YOU'RE LATE!

HOW AM I LATE? WE'RE NOT EVEN OPEN YET.

AND I ONLY CAME BECAUSE I HEARD IT WAS THE MANAGER'S IMPORTANT CUSTOMER.

DID YOU PUT MY OFFICE AS YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT?

Okay, okay, get over here

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER.

THE MANAGER HERE CALLED ME AFTER SEEING THAT AND WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

I FIGURED I'D DO HIM A FAVOR SINCE YOU WORK HERE.

I HELPED HIM TAKE CARE OF ALL HIS FINANCIAL AND WOMEN PROBLEMS.

Ah, Doumoto-san

Drink whatever you want

...Huh? What did you do to our manager...?

...I SEE.

OH, WHAT A DRAMATIC CHANGE.

Um! Listen!

Ah!

Jump

YOU HAD SUCH A TROUBLED FACE BEFORE.

That kid is super adorable!

IF IT'S A WOMAN, I'LL TELL ON YOU TO HARUKO.

OH YEAH, HOW'S REN?

LET ME KNOW IF YOU EVER NEED ANY-THING.

NO WONDER HE ALWAYS SEEMED A BIT RELAXED ON MY QUOTA.

NO, THERE WAS A HUGE UPROAR TODAY

YOU HAVEN'T TOLD THEM?

I HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH IT BUT AKI AND SHIMA...

I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT. REN HOPED YOU'D BE, TOO.

I PERSONALLY THINK IT'S BEST FOR BROTHERS TO LIVE TOGETHER.

THIS WAS WHEN YOU WERE STILL A MINOR.

Doing something as scary as that

To a famous carver

MISA-KO-SAN, TOO?

.. I'M SORRY

...WELL, YOU GOT SHOVED OUT BY THE INSTITUTION.

DO SAGAMI'S GRANDPARENTS KNOW ABOUT REN BEING ADOPTED?

I'VE BEEN DRIVEN AWAY SEVERAL TIMES MYSELF

IS IT BEING KEPT FROM THOSE TWINS, CONSIDERING THAT FAMILY HATES NUISANCES?

THAT CHILD HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF HIS PARENTS, WHERE HE WAS BORN,

IF HE IS JAPANESE, OR WHY HE WOULD BE IN A CANADIAN WELFARE FACILITY.

WHY HE WAS ADOPTED BY THE KAIDOUS.

HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIMSELF.

THAT'S

I KNOW BUT

Don't let that be the reason

WAH, I EVEN ASKED HIM A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS.

IS THAT SO?

HONESTLY, YOU'RE NICE YET STUPID.

...BUT THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING.

BECAUSE REN IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM HARU.

For Ren not having a home.

I'VE JUST BEEN TOLD SOMETHING REALLY RUDE.

Eh? Natsu-san?

IKU.

I JUST GOT OFF WORK.

EH? YOU HAD OVERTIME TODAY?

EH, HOW RARE TO SEE YOU IN SHIN-JUKU AROUND THIS TIME.

HARU, THE REN WITH DIFFERENT LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOR...

THERE'S A MEANING BEHIND THEM ALL.

It feels like...

HAHAHA.. I'M ON MY WAY HOME FROM A DATE.

AREN'T YOU OUT A LITTLE EARLY?

I THOUGHT I'D SLEEP AT THE SHOP UNTIL IT OPENS IN THE MORNING.

IT'S LATE SO YOUR BROTHER'S ALREADY ASLEEP BY NOW, RIGHT?

Treat me!

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY THIS TIME!

ENOUGH OF THAT NATSU-SAN, LET'S HAVE DINNER!

. . FINE.

AL-RIGHT!

THEN LET'S HEAD TO KABUKI-CHOU!

JUST DINNER, OKAY?

OKAY!

..THAT'S WHAT I SAID BUT, BEFORE,

THE SAME THING. .

Stir. Stir. Stir.

THAT'S TERRIBLE

DROVE RIGHT INTO THE TRUCK'S REAR

OR HE DIDN'T SEE THE CAR IN FRONT?

WAS HE DRUNK?

Dad!

sxx crash

In front!

Dad, watch out!

...DAD.

MOM?

There's someone!

Hurry!

HANG IN THERE!

WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU OUT!

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?

"There was a child that Lepton and Quark especially liked"

"Didn't those two grow up with Haru chan?"

"So your dad and I decided to go take a look."

"We'll let Haru-chan meet him for sure."

"Ren-kun is a good kid don't you think?"

"I heard from Haruko about a strange child at the institution and I couldn't forget about it."

THERE'S A HEAVILY INJURED CASUALTY AT THE REAR BEAT

THE TWO IN FRONT DIDN'T MAKE IT.

THEY'VE BEEN CRUSHED.

Why?

"Because Haru"

"....Haru chan."

"You're lonely, right?"

AH, SORRY, REN.

...HARU?

DID I WAKE YOU?

...THAT HURTS

SFX: rattle

SFX: rattle

!

JUST ONCE IN A WHILE.

I'D BE TOO WORRIED TO SLEEP.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME GO BACK TO SLEEP.

I'M FINE, I'M FINE.

HA HA HA HA.

HOW RARE

YOU'RE REALLY DRUNK.

DON'T SLEEP IN THE ENTRANCE WAY

TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES.

HOW COULD A GUY WHO COLLAPSED AT THE DOOR BE OKAY?

REN... IT'S OKAY.

IT'S OKAY, DON'T BOTHER WITH ME.

HERE, LET ME HELP YOU. STAND UP

AND YOU'RE ALSO ..

I said don't bother about me!

HAH?

... SORRY

I'LL PROBABLY JUST GET WORSE LIKE THIS.

?

THERE'S MONEY IN THERE.

... REN.

I'LL BE STAYING OVER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE FOR A WHILE.

...HARU

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS SO THERE ARE GONNA BE MORE TIMES THAT I'D BE DRINKING OUTSIDE.

I'LL BE COMING HOME LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE.

REN

IS THAT NECESSARY, NO WHATEVER HAPPENS?

EVEN IF I ASKED YOU NOT TO GO?

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE GOOD FOR YOUR UPBRINGING

SO THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE.

I

YES

JUST DON'T WANT TO BE WITH YOU.

ff shut

DIDN'T BOSS SAY I COULD STAY?

DON'T BE SO PETTY

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT UP IT'S MY TURN TO SLEEP

HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING ON HANGING AROUND HERE ANYWAY?

Natsu-san!

OH.. WELCOME HOME, IKU.

YOU CAN STAY

BECAUSE THIS IS THE SHOP'S DORM.

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. IS YOUR BROTHER GOING TO BE OKAY BY HIMSELF AT HOME?

IF IT'S MONEY, I GAVE HIM MY WALLET IT SHOULD BE OKAY

Can I hit you?

AFTER I SAID I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, MY CUSTOMERS SENT SOME TO ME.

From shirts to pants, even underwear and pajamas

ENEMY OF MAN!

DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE APARTMENT?

OH YEAH, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT CLOTHES?

...NO.

WAH!

I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE THAT SAME OVERPROTECTIVE NATSU-SAN! YOU'RE PRETTY LAX!

Cold

NO I'M NOT.

OR DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT?

THAT KID'S MORE MATURE THAN ME.

ASA-KURA-SAN.

OH, SPEAKING OF CUSTOMERS...

BECAUSE SHE NEVER DRINKS ALCOHOL AND HER SEAT PRICE IS LOW

SO I CAN UNDERSTAND IF MANAGER DOESN'T WANT HER TO PICK SOMEONE POPULAR LIKE YOU.

AH... MANAGER TOLD ME TO AVOID THE TIMES SHE'S AT THE SHOP, TOO.

ASAKURA-SAN HAS BEEN BUGGING US ABOUT YOUR SCHEDULE.

NATSU-SAN GOES OUT SOMETIMES SO THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE AN IRREGULAR SCHEDULE, RIGHT?

ANYWAY, IKUYOSHI.

I'M HUNGRY.

Argh!

You're such a trouble-some man!

OTHERWISE, THERE WAS NO WAY FOR HER TO COME DURING NATSU-SAN'S USUAL SECOND SHIFT OTHER THAN ON THE WEEKENDS,

I DIDN'T ASK ANY-THING BEYOND THAT

THAT MIGHT BE TRUE BUT...

YEAH.

SHE USED TO COME ONCE A WEEK BUT NOW, IT'S RARE FOR HER NOT TO COME.

IS SHE COMING THAT OFTEN?

SHE'S NEVER LEFT A BILL UNPAID...

I'M SUR-PRISED SHE HAS MONEY.

EH?

BUT I HEARD SHE QUIT HER DAY JOB.

HA HA.

THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.

YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL, OKAY?

IF IT'S NATSU-SAN, I GET THE FEELING THAT JUST HOLDING HANDS WITH YOU WILL MAKE GIRLS THINK THEY'RE PREGNANT

?

4:30.

ding dong

OH WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I FORGOT TO EAT LUNCH

IS NATSU HOME?

HELLO.

THE LAWYER IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT

AND HARU'S NOT HOME RIGHT NOW.

YOUR BROTHER ASKED ME TO RESEARCH SCHOOLS FOR YOU.

YOU HAVE TO GET A UNIFORM AND GO THROUGH ALL THE PAPERWORK. THAT MUST BE TROUBLESOME, RIGHT?

NOT HOME?

THAT'S WEIRD. ISN'T HE NORMALLY HOME AROUND THIS TIME?

HE'S NOT COMING BACK HERE FOR A WHILE.

SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING BUSIER WITH CHRISTMAS COMING UP

LIAR.

I'M NOT LYING.

...NATSU?

OH, SORRY

HIS REAL NAME IS KAIDOU HARU.

ARE YOU THE NEW BROTHER HARU MENTIONED?

W-WE'RE VERY ALIKE SO I JUST WANTED TO BE HIS STRENGTH...!

WHY WON'T ANYONE LET ME SEE NATSU?

EVERY-ONE'S LYING!

LIAR!

WHA..

NATSU!

NATSU?!

SLOW

I BROUGHT THE INFO, NATSU!

HEY!

NATSU!?

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO RESEARCH SCHOOLS FOR YOUR BROTHER?

HARU'S NOT HERE.

I'M REALLY NOT LYING.

LIAR!

MOVE OUT OF THE WAY!

I NEED TO SPEAK TO NATSU, NOT YOU!

HE'S VERY SIMILAR TO ME WHO IS THE OLDEST DAUGHTER AND MUST WORK FOR MY OWN SISTER.

I PITY NATSU.

BECOMING A HOST FOR HIS YOUNGER BROTHER'S TUITION.

.WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

CHEEKY. YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL

BECAUSE I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT MY SISTER WAS CUTE.

I KNOW THAT VERY WE...

HE WAS LYING ABOUT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER BEING CUTE.

EVEN IF MY SISTER IS ONLY IN JUNIOR HIGH, WHY CAN'T SHE WORK?

WHY DO I HAVE TO SUFFER JUST FOR BEING BORN FIRST?

IT'S ALWAYS ME!

stick grab

HARU IS

DIF-FERENT FROM YOU!

Huah !?

IT HURTS WHAT ARE DOING ..!?

Why !?

Ren!?

...I .?

What are you doing to Ren!?

cough

YEAH.

cough

Yeah right!

YOU OKAY?

Brother, why did you leave her all alone at home?

Is one of your customers in bed, there's all your fault!

PANT

PANT

...OW!

BRO-THER?

WHAT'S WRONG?

LET ME SEE YOUR FACE.

BRO-THER ...

UM... I..

ASA-KURA-SAN?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

WHAT'S WITH THAT QUES-TION!

THAT'S THE WOMAN WHO DIDN'T EVEN TAKE HER SHOES OFF BEFORE COMING IN AND STRANGLED REN!

THEN I WON'T CALL THE POLICE.

CAN YOU LEAVE IMMEDIATELY?

I.. I DIDN'T MEANT TO..

THE POLICE? WHAT...

IF YOU PROMISE NEVER TO COME NEAR ME AND MY BROTHERS AGAIN,

ASA-KURA-SAN.

YOU'RE REALLY A BRAINLESS WOMAN.

IT'S HARD ON YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR BROTHER.

I JUST THOUGHT

I'm saying you're an eyesore. Hurry up and disappear!

...REN?

There's absolutely no meaning to this behavior.

THERE WON'T BE A SECOND TIME.

BROTHER, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT NOT CALLING THE POLICE?

There, there, scared?

REN, I'M REALLY SORRY. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

Uwah!

THE TEMPERATURES HAVE DROPPED RECENTLY.

NO WONDER HE DIDN'T PUT UP A FIGHT EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST A GIRL.

AH...

HE FEELS KIND OF HOT...

...EH?

REN!?

They will surely change tomorrow.

Gentle hands.

Gentle words

That's why...

These
feelings...

only
dear

Heavy ...!

?

??

push push push push

...NN ..?

WHAT, REN, YOU'RE AWAKE?

YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE WARM.

I'M FEEL-ING FINE.

DON'T GO TO THE LIBRARY TODAY, OKAY? STAY AT HOME AND REST.

LIAR. YOU HAD A HIGH FEVER YES-TERDAY

I TOOK A DAY OFF

ANYWAY, I'LL BE HOME TODAY, TOO.

I'LL MAKE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT TO EAT.

.. IT'S OKAY.

It's been a week since then but it's still very awkward.

Ah,

really?

True!

I DON'T NEED TO BE INTERROGATED BY SOMEONE WHO WASN'T HOME

SINCE THE MONEY WAS UNTOUCHED, I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU ATE..

HEY, DID YOU TRY ANYTHING GOOD?

.....

HM? WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

A CELL-PHONE? A GAME?

I want a Japanese Wolf.

Japanese Wolf In 90's the last living spec mer was found n Nara Extinct

Sob

Ha ha ha!

I'LL BUY YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT!

OF COURSE, YOU'LL GET A CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND A BIRTHDAY PRESENT

It'd suck if I just get one, right?

OH. IT'LL BE CHRISTMAS SOON.

UGH

AKI AND SHIMA ARE GOING TO STAY OVER THEN.

YOUR BIRTHDAY IS ON THE 25TH, RIGHT?

WE'LL HAVE A HUGE PARTY!

HOME

BUT I.

WHY ARE YOU CLIMBING IN, TOO!?

GHHHH

SHUT UP!

I'M TIRED!

YOU CAN'T RAISE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

SFX: SHOVE

OH, YOU LIKE RICE, DON'T YOU? THEN I'LL JUST GET YOU A BAG OF RICE!

I CAN'T SLEEP!

THIS MAN...

...IS really cruel.

I CAN ONLY SLEEP WELL WITH YOU AROUND

JUST KEEP ME COMPANY

I HAVEN'T SLEPT MUCH LATELY

THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM!

OH? REALLY?

Merry X'mas!!

LOOKS LIKE NATSU'S NOT CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH HIS CUSTOMERS AFTER ALL

OH

THANKS TO THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OPTIONAL FEES

COMPARED TO CUSTOMERS HIS BROTHER IS MUCH IMPORTANT RIGHT?

OH ISN'T NATSU A RETURNEE?

MERRY CHRIST-MAS NATSU!

IN JAPAN WE SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH OUR MOST IMPORTANT PERSON!

ISN'T CHRIST-MAS USUALLY SPENT WITH FAMILY?

?

OF COURSE

...NO, I'M NOT GIVING ANY

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS THESE DAYS ONLY WANT VIDEO GAMES OR CELLPHONES.

DID YOU GET A PRESENT YET?

AH, SO THAT'S THE CASE

IT ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE YOUNGEST'S BIRTHDAY

MY BROTHERS AND I ARE GETTING TOGETHER TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE.

IS THAT SO?

HARU-SAN, NUMBER NINE'S SAWADA-SAMA ASKED FOR YOU.

I SEE

NOT LIKE HE'S GOING TO BE HAPPY WITH IT ANYWAY

DON'T WORRY WE KNOW YOU'D BE BUSY TODAY.

AH, AND I JUST GOT HERE SORRY.

Bring a bottle of champagne!

ikuo chan, help...!

REN..?

I'M HOME.

AL RIGHT I GOT THE CAKE SO NEXT IS TO BUY THE STUFF

SFX clack

AK' AND SH MA W.. BE F NE WITH MEAT AS FOR REN MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE H M SUSHI

SFX clack

DID HE GO TO THE LIBRARY AGAIN?

EH? NOT HERE

HARU?

HELLO?

Scared me

Ahh! Shock

EH? REN?

WAH!

I BOR-ROWED IT

OH, I SEE.

ISN'T THIS MISAKO-SAN'S PHONE?

?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE PICTURE OF MY MOM AND I.

AH, THANKS FOR THE GIFT

YEAH. I'M AT HOME RIGHT NOW.

IS WORK OVER ALREADY?

NO WONDER IT'S DISOR-GANIZED. THAT'S JUST LIKE HARUKO.

HAHA.

SEEMS LIKE ROB TOOK A LOT OF PIC-TURES

I STOLE IT FROM HARUKO'S PLACE

Never to

MISAKO DROVE ME HERE.

THE FLIGHT'S GOING TO LEAVE SOON.

NARITA?

WHY?

I'M GOING BACK TO CANADA.

IF YOU'RE AT THE OFFICE, I'LL COME PICK YOU UP

ANYWAY, WHAT DID YOU GO SEE MISAKO-SAN FOR?

I'M AT NARITA RIGHT NOW

THERE IS NO NEED

HARUKO'S IN SWITZERLAND RIGHT NOW, ISN'T SHE?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY, RIGHT?

TODAY? IT'S CHRISTMAS!

WHA.. WHY ARE YOU GOING BACK?

... HUH?

AND THEN?

WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK TO JAPAN?

YOU HAVE SCHOOL AFTER NEW YEAR.

ROB AND FUMIE CAN COME AT ANY TIME

THE DOGS ARE BEING BROUGHT BACK, TOO

AH.. FORGET IT WHAT ARE YOU GOING BACK FOR?

I MEANT YOU GUYS

IT'S ONLY YOU OVER THERE, ISN'T IT?

I'M NOT

COMING BACK TO JAPAN.

NO

IS IT BECAUSE YOU HATE ME?

...WHY?

DO YOU HATE LIVING WITH ME AFTER ALL?

BUT I WAS VERY HAPPY.

WHETHER IT WAS THAT SUMMER FIVE YEARS AGO OR NOW

I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE TO YOU

AND FELT TERRIBLE.

I just want to say that I love you.

If so...

WHAT SHOULD I SAY?

IS THIS REVENGE?

BUT AREN'T YOU LEAVING ME BEHIND?

WHAT DO I HAVE TO SAY TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND?

NO!

FOR ME LEAVING YOU AT HOME ALONE?

REN?

..FINE

THEN.

THEN I DON'T BELIEVE YOU

.....

I CAN'T DO THAT

COME BACK HERE AND TELL ME THAT TO MY FACE, OKAY?

click

HEY, REN...!

WHY? THAT DAMN KID.

SFX: CLACK

DAMN IT!

AND NOW YOU'RE RE-TURNING TO CANADA!?

WALTZING INTO PEOPLE'S LIVES

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I LOVE YOU

I KNOW THAT

I GOT THAT

Are you lone ly?

But, definitely...

BROTHER ?

ding dong

That guy realized

I was the lonely one didn't he?

" Haru "

EH? DID REN GO TO THE LIBRARY AGAIN?

WHAT DOES HE GO TO THE LIBRARY EVERYDAY FOR?

HERE'S A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR REN...

AH...!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO LET THE DOGS ON THE BED!

NO ES-CAP-ING!

REN! GO TAKE A SHOWER RIGHT NOW!

SO YOU CAN WASH IT YOUR-SELF.

IT'S HARU'S BED

WHAT'S THIS?

ARGH! MOM!

IF HARUKO-SAN SAW THIS, SHE'LL BEAT ME UP!

WAH, THERE'S DIRT ALL OVER! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Though he's tiny

HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL

Shh

I'M SORRY FOR WAKING YOU.

AH, SORRY REN.

I'LL BE QUIET NOW NIGHT...

I JUST THINK HE'S REALLY CLOSE TO YOU.

?

Shh!

WAIT, WAIT! I JUST GOT HIM TO SLEEP!

... WHAT?

...NO-THING.

HARU-KO-SAN.

blush

I WONDER WHAT HARUKO-SAN'S FACE LOOKED LIKE WHEN SHE WAS RECORDING IT

How embarrassing. Ugh

BROTHER, THE TAXI'S HERE.

LET'S GET THE LUG-GAGE INTO THE CAR.

OKAY ...

I... Haven't changed at all either.

SO MUCH FOR WANTING TO BE AT OUR GRADUATION.

YOU GUYS ARE ENTERING COLLEGE.

Did you quit your job, too?!

I CAN FINALLY RELAX AND GO ON VACATION!

SAGAMI'S GRANDPARENTS ARE AROUND, AREN'T THEY?

OH THE LANDLORD SAID THAT THE PLACE IS SO OLD THAT NO ONE'S PROBABLY GOING TO LIVE IN IT

SO IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO LEAVE THEM HERE.

...THE ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR IS A STORAGE SPACE.

WHERE'S AKI?

HE SAID HE REFUSES TO SEE YOU OFF

NEVER MIND THAT. THE BAGS INSIDE...

AS I THOUGHT, YOU WANT A DAY WHEN WE BROTHERS CAN LIVE TOGETHER.

BUT IF BROTHER IS GOING TO WHERE REN IS, I CAN BE AT EASE.

I JUST CAN'T GET USED TO SLEEPING ALONE.

...YEAH.

That's because nothing has changed.

...Huh?

Take care

Okay!

I just heard something foreboding. Be careful.

Compared to before.

Whoosh

?

FWJ?

THE HEATER JUST TURNED ON.

IT'S SO COLD. DON'T YOU DARE MOVE.

snuggle

AH...

snuggle

lick

WHAT?

ISN'T IT KIND OF EARLY FOR FOOD?

Making me sleep alone in Japan.

You're looking comfort-able.

HA HA, REN, SCARED?

!!!!!!

HEY, REN, CAN I KISS YOU?

STARTING TOMORROW, I'LL BE WORKING AT ROB'S RANCH!

...

What...

SO I'LL BE LIVING HERE FROM NOW ON!

HELLO, REN!

!!!

I'M HERE! ♡

Haru!

Ah... Oh yeah, i don't need permission for that, do i? ♡

No way!

I SAID IT BEFORE, DIDN'T I?

REN, REGARDLESS IF IT'S YOU OR ME,

Bliss
http://diamond-virgin.net

Be-
cause
...

If the two of us aren't together, we can't sleep, right?

Remember it with your body.

SUPER LOVERS #3 END

あとがき

コンニチワ――
または 初めまして。
あべです。

タイトルだけ 気合いの
入りすぎた感のある、この
「スーパーラヴァーズ」。

いきなりカナダ!!
主人公 8才!!
まだまだ
ラブどころじゃ
ありません
……っ!!

たまには
正座。

あ、でも
ちびっこレンは
描いてて
楽しかったなー。
小さいの好きです。
犬もね。

あ でも
そろそろ
あぐら。

好き勝手に 描いて
いますが、ちゃんと 次巻も
ちびっこ零は成長します…。
はー 残念。
→
残念 言うな!

この続きは
ラヴい展開に
なる…ハズ!!

では また
次巻で
お会いできると
うれしいです♡

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